

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literary works such as drama, poem, and novel are more interesting to be read and compared with technical books or textbooks, because they give pleasure to the readers. Full-length novel has more incidents, scenes or episodes than short story or drama. A novel may have more than one themes and climax, both minor and major conflict. Novel has been known since Eighteenth century ago in England. Novel which are work of fiction; they were written in prose, and at least 150 to 200 page long. Novel is one of human creation. That's why, the story in a novel is a world which created by author imaginative with character creation to play that story.

In the content of novel, there are elements which can be analyzed, like extrinsic and intrinsic elements. The extrinsic elements are the outside elements of work literary, but they indirectly give influence into the literary work. The elements are biography, psychology, economy, politic, social, and etc. While intrinsic element is the interpretation and analysis of the works of literature themselves. There are elements such as themes, character, characterization, plot, and setting. All of these elements are connected to each other. The study analyzed the intrinsic elements such as themes and changing characters in novel, because the changing characters compared with behavior theory is an important element in making the story to be a good work until the reader can enjoy and understand the whole story.

In *Looking for Alaska* novel, John Green tells about The group of young adults, where the author show how love and friendship are special and how life suddenly can vanish in a moment. This novel also show that adults just shows how adults just do not realize the big situation of teenagers. Some adults thinks that teenagers assume they are invisible which somehow it is true teenagers do feel like they are invisible, but there is a big picture in these all aspects. Teenager always have friends who always there for help them.

There will be always friend who helps them go on with the situation and that is called friendship. Life is puzzle or a “labyrinth” and everybody has responsible to find their way out by themselves before life will be gone. The young adult novel show about many of genres. There are romance and mystery.

After reading this novel, to analyse the character changing of Miles Halter, The researcher had found that Miles Halter was a young adult who was fascinating by famous last world. Miles was leaving his family in Florida to start boarding school in a place that called Alabama. Miles had gone to Culver Creek to seek a “Great Perhaps”, which were the last world of the favorite poet before he passed away point toward to finding about the way to be success. At Culver Creek, Miles started a very close friendship with his roommate that named Chip. Chip was introducing Miles to his two close friends, Alaska and Takumi. Miles in company of Alaska, Chip and Takumi had experienced unusually excitement adventures. a certain day, Miles, Chip and Alaska was getting really drunk . Some days letter, the school received the news, Alaska has accident and she was passing away. Now Miles and Chip were setting to the investigate to knowing what as matter of fact and if Alaska’s was passing away an intentional in her own way to getting out of the “labyrinth”. At last, Miles never got to knowing what as matter of fact in that accident, but they understood that the only way out of the “labyrinth” of life suffering was to forgive themselves which was what Alaska had left after her passing away. Boarding school was over, Chip had got ready to leave vacation with his mother and Miles as well. Miles back to home for vacation, but he never forgot the message of Alaska who has tried to make him understand about how is the way to escape of the “labyrinth”.

In this book, Jhon green was trying to telling how he had seen the really world in a teen fiction story. Jhon was trying to introduce the reader into the “labyrint of life” and persuade to us for quest our own “Great Perhaps” (purpose in life). John Green explained about Miles’s character with the character changing. In the first chapter of this novel, Mile’s character was

described as a teenage figure who had an unusual interest in learning the famous people's last words. But in the middle of story, Miles's character changed. He found another objective. That objective was finding the labyrinth. Alaska made a deal that if Miles figured out what labyrinth was, Alaska would find him a girlfriend. But time after time, Miles began to fall in love with Alaska. Until Alaska died because of car accident, Miles and his best friends have a new objective to investigate what really happened and if Alaska's death was intentional in her own way to get out of the "labyrinth". From here, the researcher finally found out something interesting about Miles's character changing.

In this research, the researcher focuses on the Miles Halter's character changing, because Miles Halter's character is described in many characters. The researcher also sees the influencing factors of Miles's character changing. This character changing can be seen from the dialogues in the Novel. The writer tends to analyse the character and characterization of character changing which are experienced by the main character Miles Halter on *Looking For Alaska* Novel by John Green, because the character changing of Miles is mainly addressed by the author. It can be useful for the reader in understanding the character changing by comparing it with behaviour theory. Besides this novel is interesting to be analysed, the genre of this novel is fantasy.

This research uses the theory of behaviour. The researcher observes the character changing of the main character Miles Halter on *Looking For Alaska* Novel by John Green. Behaviour theory explains about people who are driven not by inner forces, but by the beyond factors. This model suggests that human functioning can be explained by a triadic interaction by behavior, by personal, and by environmental factors. Environmental factor indicates situational influences and environment in which behavior is performed while personal factors include by instincts, by drives, by traits, and other by individual motivational forces. Several constructs serve as a basis the

process of human learning and behavior become different. (Bandura, A, 1986)

Considering the explanation above, the writer limits the scope of this research in analyzing the character changing of Miles Halter in the Novel. The researcher just focuses on the script of the Novel to observe how Miles Halter's characters changing is described and the factors which influence Miles Halter's characters changing by using the behaviour theory.

B. Research Questions

1. How are Miles Halter's characters described in the Novel *Looking for Alaska* by John Green?
2. How are Miles Halter's character changing and the factors influence Miles Halter's character changing described by using behaviour theory?

C. Research Objectives

1. To describe how the Miles Halter's characters changing is described.
2. To explain how the Miles Halter's characters changing and factor influence Miles Halter's character changing described by using behaviour theory.

D. Benefits of the Study

1. Theoretically

Theoretically, this research is expected to give a contribution in the literary field, particularly as a reference and additional input in discussing the character changing and characterization in a novel. It can be used as appropriate references in conducting the further research with similar topic by using behaviour theory.

2. Practically

Practically, this research can be used to understand the content of the Miles Halter's work as represented in the *Looking For Alaska* story. The kinds of character changing and the factors which influence the character changing in this analysis can be viewed in this novel.

E. Limitation of the Study

In this study, the researcher tries to limit the discussion about the characters changing of Miles Halter's in *Looking for Alaska* Novel by John Green (2005). The writer only discusses about the changing characterization, personality character of Miles Halter and the factors which influence the character changing by using behavior theory.